

Indiana Health Informatics Corporation (IHIC)

May 14, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kent Barth called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

- Kent Barth
- Chuck Christian
- Jim Edlund MD
- Judy Monroe MD
- Marc Overhage MD

Also in attendance were John Kansky of IHIE (IHIC staff), Kim Metzger (Ice-Miller), and Bernie Ulrich (Indiana Hospital Association), Jason Vore (IHIC staff/consultant), Tom Liddell (MHIN), Tim Liddell (Consultant), Todd Rowland (Bloomington Hospital/HealthLINC).

Welcome and Introductions

Kent Barth called the meeting to order, attendees introduced themselves. Because the number of people attending the board meetings has increased, discussion ensued regarding finding a bigger room for the July 9, 2009 meeting. It was agreed that the Purdue/Intech personnel would be contacted to see if a larger room could be arranged.

IHIC Public Facing Website

Mr. Barth provided an update on the new public facing IHIC website (located at the following URL: <https://myshare.in.gov/FSSA/ihic/default.aspx>). Everyone in attendance agreed that while not a fancy website, it does serve the purpose of providing an overview as to IHIC vision, structure, and activities. It was brought up that having a simpler URL would be good (i.e. IHIC.org), and Mr. Barth agreed that he would research that possibility.

Mr. Barth then mentioned the vision of having a “slicker”, more Indiana-centric website (perhaps built with Flash presentation technology) to present the viewer with an overview of what is happening in Indiana relative to health information exchange. The Flash presentation would perhaps be 3-4 minutes in duration, with jumping off points to learn more about what’s happening in specific areas and organizations. The Flash presentation would also need to be consistent in message and define benefits to different HIE stakeholders. The group thought this was a good idea, and agreed that this needs to be made a priority with resources (human and monetary) to develop this site identified and retained.

IHIC Workgroup Update

Mr. Barth mentioned that the three IHIC workgroups have been forming, and asked Jason Vore (consultant working with IHIC workgroups) to provide an update as to activity. Mr. Vore reviewed that all workgroup leaders have been contacted, and initial workgroup vision and team structure confirmed. All workgroups are working to schedule their first meetings at this time, with all aiming for late May/early June. Mr. Vore mentioned that there is a need for 6 physician representatives to be identified for various workgroups, and that the Indiana State Medical Society has been notified (without response to date). Mr. Barth asked if people know physicians that may be interested to please let either himself, Mr. Kansky, or Mr. Vore know.

Additionally, Mr. Barth discussed the next IHIC Board meeting date (July 9, 2009) as the target to have representation from each workgroup come in and present their draft recommendations. The group agreed. Workgroups may try to get some information to the Board members prior to then (and ask for feedback as well) after their first meeting(s).

Update – IHIC's Pursuit and Coordination of ARRA Funding

Mr. Kansky mentioned that Mr. Barth has been meeting with healthcare and business leaders around the state to discuss ARRA and opportunities. Mr. Barth mentioned those discussions have been successful, including with Mitch Roob. Per Mr. Barth, Mr. Roob is interested in lending support to ARRA pursuit activities. Mr. Barth also mentioned he has been scheduling discussions (along with Anne Murphy) with leaders from the HIEs around Indiana – likewise, Ms. Murphy is interested in lending support to ARRA pursuit activities.

Mr. Kansky mentioned that it is expected that the HIT Extension Service funding information and process may be revealed by the government soon. The Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering with support from the Purdue University Extension Program is leading the preparations for this development. Dr. Overhage mentioned that even though information will be forthcoming about this (and other programs), it is most likely to be vague.

Overview of Statewide HIE Leadership Meeting Held on 5/5/09

Mr. Kansky mentioned that many IHIC Board members were in attendance at the HIE Leadership meeting on 5/5. Mr. Liddell and Dr. Rowland both mentioned that progress has been made since the initial HIE Leadership meeting in March 2009 in the way of camaraderie and willingness to share information and work together. Mr. Liddell mentioned that the group was not formed because of ARRA, but ARRA has provided added stimulus for the group to begin to more closely work together. Multiple people agreed that there is a lot going on in Indiana relative to HIE, and that the state should be proud and proactively communicating our activities and success. Multiple people also agreed that IHIC should support the activities and recommendations of the HIE Leadership group. Dr. Rowland mentioned that ePrescribing should be closely tied to HIE activities in the short- and long-term. The group agreed that Indiana needs to capitalize on what assets and activities are currently in place within the state.

Concern Over ISDH Hospital Sharing Project

Mr. Christian mentioned concern over a new program seeking to track patient transfers within and between hospitals in the State of Indiana (in addition to the hospital bed tracking program(s) already in place). Mr. Christian further mentioned concern regarding the number and variation of interfaces hospitals will be required to develop and maintain to provide data to multiple state programs (i.e. PHESS, CHIRP, INPC, etc.). Mr. Christian then asked whether or not the Board viewed proactive coordination of these programs and data as something under IHIC's purview? In response, Dr. Judy Monroe discussed, and multiple people agreed, that proactive communication among the programs and vendors is vital for coordination and reduction in complexity. Mr. Christian suggested that at the July meeting everyone come back with more knowledge about the program (if possible), and with opinions as to what the IHIC Board should potentially do to help coordinate these programs. The group agreed.

Mr. Barth adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2009, 9:00-11:00am (Purdue Intech Park)